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SUBJECT: CANADIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD ICCS

FOLLOWING IS EXCHANGE IN COMMONS MAY 7 BETWEEN ANDREW
BREWIN (NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY) AND MITCHELL SHARP,
SECRETARY OF STATE EXTAFF:

BEGIN QUOTE: BREWIN: MY QUESTION IS ADDRESSED TO THE
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. IN VIEW OF
THE REPEATED INCIDENTS OF ATTACK ON THE PERSONNEL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION AND THE CONTINUATION
OF HOSTILITIES THROUGHOUT INDO- CHINA IN BREACH OF THE
PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT, WILL THE MINISTER MAKE A STATEMENT
IN THE HOUSE AT AN EARLY DATE ON THE CONTINUATION OF
CANADA' S CONTRIBUTION TO THE ICCS BEYOND THE TIME WHEN
THE 60 DAYS WE ARE NOW COMMITTED TO HAVE EXPIRED?
SHARP: THE INCIDENTS THE MEMBER HAS REFERRED TO ARE
PART OF THE ACCUMULATING EVIDENCE THAT, AS I HAVE SAID
PUBLICLY, AND I HAVE NO HESITATION IN SAYING IT HERE IN
THIS HOUSE, THERE HAS NOT BEEN THE KIND OF IMPROVEMENT
IN CONDITIONS OF OPERATION OF THE ICCS WHICH I LAID DOWN
AS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR STAYING ON. IN FACT THE
SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED RATHER THAN IMPROVED. HOWEVER,
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WE HAVE BEEN URGED TO BE PATIENT, AND WE SHALL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE EVENTS, PROBABLY UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. BREWIN: IF THE CONDITIONS TO WHICH THE MINISTER REFERS HAVE NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT, AND I MUST AGREE WITH HIM THAT THEY HAVE NOT, WS.

4. HERMES REPLIED THAT THE AIRBUS IS A DELICATE PROJECT. THOUGH TWO PROTOTYPES HAVE ALREADY BEEN BUILT, THERE ARE NOT YET ENOUGH ORDERS ON HAND TO MAKE THE VENTURE PROFITABLE. IF THE US ALSO DECIDES TO BUILD AN AIRBUS AND AT THE SAME TIME DECLINES TO FINANCE ENGINES FOR THE EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT, THE POTENTIAL MARKET WILL BE SMALLER AND THE EUROPEAN AIRBUS WILL BE EVEN LESS PROFITABLE.

5. MINISTER MATTHIAS OF THE FRG EMBASSY INTERJECTED THAT THE EUROPEANS ALSO BELIEVE A QUESTION OF CONFIDENCE IS INVOLVED. AT THE TIME THE AIRBUS IDEA WAS DEVELOPED AND IT WAS DECIDED TO UTILIZE US MANUFACTURED ENGINES, IT WAS ASSUMED THAT EXIM FINANCING WOULD BE AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, EUROPEANS NOW FEEL THAT THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT.

6. CASEY REPLIED THAT THE USG WILL REVIEW ITS DECISION ON THIS SITUATION ONCE AGAIN, BUT THERE COULD BE NO ASSURANCE THAT AFTER REEXAMINATION THE DECISION WILL BE ANY DIFFERENT. ROGERS

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